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Prof. J. W. Connell.

Apr. 13, 1893.

A. & M. College.

Dear Sir:

Yesterday morning I paid Mr. A. W. Halbert \$124.31 for the Farm department, being the amount due him on an exchange of Beeves as shown by the bill that you sent me on 11th inst. He came for the money and, without even thinking that you had presented the bill to me for payment without first having authority for the exchange, I paid it. As was my duty I presented the matter to the President, still thinking that you had gotten the proper authority for the transaction. Upon doing so I found that you had not only failed to comply with the instructions of the Board of Trustees in regard to purchases, but that you had also failed to secure the necessary permission from the President for spending the money. For paying the bill under such circumstances I was reprimanded by the President who called my attention to the regulations of the Board of Trustees regarding the expenditure of money. He instructs me to say to you that he is astonished to find that you have made a transaction involving the expenditure of \$124.31 of the Farm funds without consulting him or in any other way seeking authority. He requests that you explain the matter and directs me to call your attention to the following quoted from a letter of mine to you on Jan'y 25th relative to the bill of about \$140 made with Mr. Yeates without proper authority &c. viz; "I have placed the matter before the President, and he complains that you have again violated the instructions of the Board of Trustees in regard to such work. He directs me to say unless you comply with these instructions in future, that the matter will be reported to the Board of Trustees." He directs me to state further that you should have begun payment on the land bought for the Farm not later than three months from the date of purchase; that the postponement of the payments until after June is without his authority and will inflict a hardship upon the other departments from which the money was borrowed to make the first payment.

Yours truly,

R. C. King
Secretary

Agricultural and Mechanical College,

OF MISSISSIPPI.

R. C. KING, Secretary and Purchasing Agent.
Treasurer Experiment Station.

Express, Freight and Telegraph Offices:
STARKVILLE, MISS.

Agricultural College, Miss., Apr. 18, 1892.

Prof. J. H. Connell,

A. M. College.

Dear Sir:-

Yesterday morning I paid Mr. A. W. Hallbert \$124.31 for the Farm department, being the amount due him on an exchange of Reeves as shown by the bill that you sent me on 11th inst. He came for the money and, without even thinking that you had presented the bill to me for payment without first having authority for the exchange, I paid it.

As was my duty I presented the matter to the President, still thinking that you had gotten the proper authority for the transaction. Upon doing so I found that you had not only failed to comply with the instructions of the Board of Trustees in regard to purchases, but that you had also failed to secure the necessary permission from the President for spending the money. For paying the bill under such circumstances I was reprimanded by the President who called my attention to the regulations of the Board of Trustees regarding the expenditure of money.

He instructs me to say to you that he is astonished to find that you have made a transaction involving the expenditure of \$124.31 of the Farm fund without consulting him or in any other way seeking authority. He requests that you explain the matter and directs me to call your attention to the following, quoted from a letter of mine to you on Jan'y 25th relative to the bill of about \$140 made with Mr. Yeates without proper authority, etc., viz: "I have placed the matter before the President, and he complains that you have again violated the instructions of the Board of Trustees in regard to such work. He directs me to say

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unless you comply with these instructions in future, that the matter will be reported to the Board of Trustees."

He directs me to state further that you should have begun payment on the land bought for the Farm not later than three months from the ^{date of} purchase of said land, as you had offered such terms previous to the purchase; that the postponement of the payments until after June is without his authority and will inflict a hardship upon the other departments from which the money was borrowed to make the first payments.

Yours truly,

R. C. King

unless you comply with these instructions in future, then the matter
will be reported to the Board of Trustees."

We direct you to state further that you should have been informed of
the fact that for the past few years the Board of Trustees has been
concerned with the fact that you had allowed such cases to come before the
Board; that the management of the property of the Board is not
put into question and that the Board is not a body which can be
made to feel that the Board is not a body which can be made to feel

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R. C. King

Apr. 12, 1900.

Prof. J. W. McMillan.

A. S. W. College.

Dear Sir:

After receiving nothing I paid Dr. J. W. McMillan \$100 for the work done, being the amount due him on account of money at about 1/2 and told that you had no more to do with the work and with the money. I told you that you had no authority to do so for payment without first getting authority for the payment. I paid it as you say that I presented the matter to the President and thinking that you had gotten the proper authority and that the money was paid to you I think that you had only acted in accordance with the instructions of the Board of Trustees in regard to payment. I think you also failed to secure the necessary permission from the President for spending the money. My paying the bill under such circumstances I was reproached by the President and called my attention to the regulations of the Board of Trustees regarding the expenditure of money.

He instructed me to say to you that he is authorized to find that you had made a transaction involving the expenditure of \$100 of the fund under without consulting him or in any other way securing authority. He requests that you explain the matter and direct me to tell your attention to the following, quoted from a letter of mine to you on Jan. 20th relative to the bill of about \$140 made with Dr. Foster without proper authority to, viz: "I have placed the matter before the President, and he complains that you have again violated the instructions of the Board of Trustees in regard to such work. He directs me to say